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Kentucky Labor Cabinet to Hold Free OSHA Training in Louisville to Help Workers and Employers

Free courses Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at Builders Exchange in Louisville

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 27, 2013) – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet will hold free training courses next week at Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, in Louisville. The training includes various topics that will benefit nearly all types of workers and employers in Kentucky.

Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of courses, including an overview of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (OSH), the latest Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) standards, back care and ergonomics, updated hazard communication classifications and requirements, proper guidelines on injury and illness recordkeeping, fall protection, crane standards, electrical safety and more.

“These courses are great for many reasons,” said Labor Secretary Larry Roberts. “They are divided into specific categories so that people can attend the courses that will benefit them the most. This is useful and valuable knowledge, and it’s all free. Employers benefit, too, because their workers are safer and healthier.”

The courses include group-based and hands-on learning activities, and will feature presentations from the highly-trained staff of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

The following is a schedule of the training courses:

Monday, Sept. 30

Overview of the Kentucky OSH Program: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

This session discusses the obligation to provide a safe and healthy workplace that is free from recognized hazards. Topics of discussion include the operations of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program, including enforcement and voluntary compliance services, and safety and health topics currently being considered for future standards and policies.

Personal Protective Equipment: 1-4 p.m.

This course provides an overview of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Topics include an explanation of the PPE standards, how to properly use and care for PPE, and the limitations of PPE. Guidance will also be provided on how to perform the required PPE hazard assessment for each job in the workplace.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Back Care and Office Ergonomics: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

This course explains why many back injuries occur from lifting and how they may be prevented. The office ergonomics portion focuses on recognizing risk factors, reducing worker stress, and avoiding potential musculoskeletal disorders associated with everyday computer use.

Hazard Communication – Global Harmonization System: 1-4 p.m.

This course will cover the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Attendees will learn about the revised standard, which will include chemical hazard classification, written program requirements, container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and associated phase-in dates for the new requirements under GHS.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Injury and Illness Recordkeeping: 8:00 - noon

This course covers the basic requirements for proper reporting of injury or illness and fatalities based on state and federal requirements. Participants will also receive an OSHA Training Institute (OTI) certificate upon completion of the course.

Fall Protection: 1-4 p.m.

This course covers requirements to provide a fall protection system, the description and requirements for each fall protection system, and training requirements. Attendees should

leave with a basic understanding of requirements for working at heights on commercial construction sites.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Crane Standard for Construction: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The session provides a basic overview of mobile and tower cranes and certifications and requirements for crane operators. Topics will also include requirements for riggers, electrical hazards, and crane inspections.

Electrical Safety: 1-4 p.m.

This course covers the basic requirements surrounding the approval, installation, and use of electrical equipment and devices. The course includes a discussion of OSHA and industry standards as they relate to the installation of electrical equipment, commonly cited approval and installation violations, an overview of the equipment approval process, cord marking requirements, and basic hazards found in commonly made electrical wiring issues.

To register online go to: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/louisville132>.

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